

**TOWN OF WEBSTER**  
**Office of Selectmen**  
**945 Battle Street/Rte. 127**  
**Webster, NH 03303**

4:17 P.M. Selectmen's Meeting – October 19, 2010

Present: Chairman David Klumb; Selectman George Hashem and Selectman George Cummings; Administrative Assistant Judith Jones; Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham; Police Chief Robert Dupuis; Fire Chief Colin Colby and several residents.

The Board signed the following for Mrs. Jones:

- A letter to the State Liquor Commission for Peter Austin approving the "wine tasting" event he has planned for October 31<sup>st</sup>;
- A letter to Dave Murray authorizing the snowmobile clubs to utilize the Town owned parcel shown as Map 6-41 on Pleasant Street for a period of one year; and
- The non-public minutes from October 18, 2010.

Chairman Klumb called the meeting to order advising that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 2011 budgets.

The Board agreed to leave the Executive budget the same as 2010.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department Budget with Fire Chief Colin Colby. Chief Colby advised that the ambulance amount is a proposed number with an additional 10% over last year as the actual figure is not yet available. There was discussion on many of line items. The fuel prices are not yet available from the State. There was only a small change in the overall Fire Department's budget. The Capital Reserves were kept the same and the Expendable Trust Funds were up slightly in the Forest Fire line to replenish funds spent this year. There was discussion on the need for a dry hydrant behind the Elementary School. Dee Blake recommended that Chief Colby put in a proposal for this with Robin Heins of the Merrimack Valley School District, indicating that the School District would possibly have money available.

Mrs. Pinkham advised that she had a question in with Cynthia Flynn at the State Department of Labor to clarify whether the money currently paid to the volunteer firefighters was in compliance or do the firefighters need to be paid at minimum wage. Discussion ensued. Sally Becker provided input regarding how some other towns pay their volunteers. Roy Fanjoy noted that the volunteers never expected full pay.

No information was available for the Emergency Management lines but will be provided by Emergency Management Director Adam Pouliot.

There was discussion on the possible need for a Statistical Update in 2011 and where the funds would come from. Cross Country Appraisal Group and advised that it would cost approximately \$15,000 if needed. Discussion ensued on the next full-revaluation planned for 2013. Mrs. Jones recalled the price for that service to be approximately \$29,000. Therefore Selectman Hashem recommended and the Board agreed to put \$6,500 into the reappraisal line to accommodate all expected needs. Mrs. Jones reminded the Board that any withdrawal from the Capital Reserve would require a Warrant Article and a vote of the Town Meeting.

Outside Services – Forester was left at \$100. The Welfare line had been reviewed with Welfare Director Barbara Chellis with only a slight increase in the salary line of \$100.

Police Chief Dupuis reviewed the Police budget. He recommended an hourly rate for the Lieutenant of \$23.30 hourly or a \$950 annual increase and the officer would increase by \$790.60 for the year or hourly to \$22.84. After discussion on Police Full-Time Hourly Wages he advised that the officer's wage line needed to be recalculated. He would like to keep the Part-Time Officers line as he would like to hire one officer next year. There was discussion on the new legislation proposed and its impact on the Town should it pass. The Board then discussed the Chief's wages should a full-time Chief be needed. For now the Board agreed to put the Chief's salary to \$51,000 for a 34-hour work week, still a part-time position. The amount of police coverage with the recommended changes was further discussed. Capital Reserves were as follows:

Police Cruiser from \$13,500 to \$15,000; Police Equipment the same at \$2,500; Police Vehicle Maintenance reduced to 0; and Public Safety Building the same at \$5,000. Chief Dupuis discussed the need for new security cameras at the Public Safety Building. Mrs. Blake recommended he call the school as they recently put security cameras in the buses and may be a good source of information. The Police Dispatch number is not in yet.

The Board agreed to leave the Public Safety Building line items at the same as last year.

Review of the Planning & Zoning showed the budget as the same as last year with the only change to be an addition of the Workforce Housing Analysis of \$3,200.

The Board discussed the wages under Financial Administration with no decisions made.

It was noted that all budgets are preliminary and subject to change.

The Board discussed an e-mail from Town Attorney Bart Mayer and the possible need of a meeting at his office. No decision was made except that Chairman Klumb would call Attorney Mayer and try to set up something.

The meeting at the Department of Revenue on October 22, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. will need to be posted as well as the next budget meeting set for November 2, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

5:46 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

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David E. Klumb, Chairman

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George K. Hashem

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George C. Cummings

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